

Amendments to the Specification:

Page 4, amend the paragraph beginning on line 32 to read as follows:

E1
However, for both wet and dry working, the disk can also be of flexible material, e.g. rubber. The disk is driven by a shaft ~~3a~~ 3b. The shaft ~~3a~~ 3b traverses in preferably liquid-tight manner a container base 2a and is mounted in rotary manner thereon by means of bearings 4. Accompanied by the formation of a gap 5, the disk 3 is spaced from the container base 2a and in the case of dry working the gap width b is e.g. approximately 3 mm. The disk 3 and/or container 2 can be positioned in vertically adjustable manner, e.g. accompanied by a variation of the gap width b.

Page 5, amend the paragraph beginning on line 20 to read as follows:

E2
The grinding machine 1 of fig. 2 has a one-piece casing 2', which is preferably made from plastic, so that in particular the container 2 is also made from plastic. The container 2 contains a disk 3 which, in this construction, has a resilient material 3c on its underside, e.g., an elastomeric plastic covering, particularly rubber, or felt, cotton fabric as well as a resilient floor covering, such as a PVC floor covering or the like, and an upwardly inclined circumferential edge 3a, whose outer wall follows the container contour in this area, so that radially between the disk 3 or its circumferential edge 3a and container 2 or container wall 2b a finite gap ~~5~~ 5a is formed, which has essentially the same size over its entire height. Through the raised disk edge 3a a dish-shaped receptacle for the grinding material is created.

Page 5, amend the paragraph beginning on line 29 to read as follows:

E3
The driving shaft 3b for the disk 3 passes through the container base 2b. The disk is coupled to a driven shaft 12a of a gear 12, which is centred by a centring ring 12b. In the represented embodiment the drive 11 is constructed as a gear motor 14, motor 13 and gear 12 being integrated together. Thus, not only the gear 12, but also the drive motor 13 is positioned below the container 2 in a foot 2c of the casing 2'. The geared motor 14 is fixed by means of screw connections 14a to the casing 2'. The geared motor 14 is fixed by means of screw connections 14a to the casing 2' and more precisely to the container base ~~2b-2a~~.

Page 6, amend the paragraph beginning on line 18 to read as follows:

E4
In the container base ~~2b~~ 2a below the disk 3 is also provided a sealable opening 15 making it possible to remove any grinding material which has passed under the disk 3.

Page 6, amend the paragraph beginning on line 21 to read as follows:

E5
Fig. 4 makes it clear that in the foot 2c of casing 2' is provided a U-shaped clip 17, whose legs are fitted to the casing foot 2c and whose web carries the container 2. A driving shaft 3b for the disk 3 passes through the base ~~2b~~ 2a and the web of the clip 17 into the gear 12, which extends from its parts immediately below the motor 13 to centrally under the container 2, through the provision of corresponding intermediate gears or other transmission designs, such as toothed belts, etc.